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SUBJECT: WARSAW PACT MEETING: REPORT OF ATTEMPT ON BREZHNEV'S LIFE

1. AN ANONYMOUS CALLER TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY'S PRESS ATTACHE AT ABOUT 12:30 P.M. WARSAW TIME, APRIL 18 AND, IN POLISH, TOLD HIM THAT, AT 11:00 A.M., DURING A "CEREMONIAL RECEPTION" AT THE BUILDING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTER (RADZIWILL PALACE) ON KRAKOWSKIE PRZEDMIESCIE (JUST NORTH OF THE BRISTOL HOTEL), AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON BREZHNEV'S LIFE BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE POLISH STATE TRAVEL OFFICE, ORBIS. THE CALLER IDENTIFIED THE EMPLOYEE AS A 40-YEAR-OLD MAN, WHOSE NAME THE PRESS ATTACHE UNDERSTOOD AS BURZYNSKI. BURZYNSKI, THE CALLER SAID, WAS IN POSSESSION OF A "LIVE GRENADE" AND WAS ARRESTED AS HE WAS MOVING TOWARDS BREZHNEV. TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS ARE ALSO SAID TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESS ATTACHE'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THIS NEWS WERE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, THE CALLER SAID IT WAS NOT AND THAT IT WAS BEING HELD "IN DEEPEST SECRECY." THE CALLER SAID THAT HE WOULD CALL AGAIN WITH MORE DETAILS.

2. WE HAVE NO WAY AT THIS STAGE OF EVALUATING THE VALIDITY OF THIS INFORMATION.
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